

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend the claims as follows. This listing of the claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

1 - 14 (Canceled)

15. (Previously Presented) A shelf base for a refrigerator;
comprising a plate;
lower retaining rails extending along a lower side of the plate for attachment for a support for holding chilled goods; and
upper retaining rails for another support extend along the upper side of the plate.

16. (Canceled)

17. (Canceled)

18. (Previously Presented) The shelf base according to claim 15, including said upper retaining rails are connected at least at one of their ends to respectively one end of one of said lower retaining rails.

19. (Previously Presented) The shelf base according to claim 15, including front ends of respectively one of said upper and one of said lower retaining rails are connected by a guide profile which spans the front edge of said plate and is displaceable along said front edge.

20. (Previously Presented) The shelf base according to claim 18, including a plurality of clips interconnect all said upper and lower retaining rails.

21. (Canceled)

22. (Previously Presented) The shelf base according to claim 18, including at least one of said lower and said upper retaining rails are open at their rear ends.
23. (Previously Presented) The shelf base according to claim 29 including an upwardly projecting projection formed at the front end of a bearing surface of at least one of said lower rails.
24. (Previously Presented) The shelf base according to claim 18, including one of a shell or a bottle holder is mounted in said lower retaining rails as a support.
25. (Previously Presented) The shelf base to claim 18, including a support for drinks cans mounted in said upper retaining rails.
26. (Previously Presented) The shelf base according to claim 25, including said support for drinks cans includes a base plate substantially parallel to said plate and includes ribs provided with indentations projecting from said base plate.
27. (Previously Presented) The shelf base according to claim 15, including an egg holder mounted in one of said upper or lower retaining rails.
28. (Previously Presented) The shelf base according to claim 27, including said egg holder includes a perforated base plate, a pair of side flanks bent away from said perforated base plate and webs which project from said side flanks and engage in said retaining rails.
29. (Previously Presented) The shelf base according to claim 18, including rear ends of respectively one of said upper and one of said lower retaining rails span the rear edge of said plate and are displaceably connected along said rear edge.

30. (Currently amended) A shelf base for movable attachment thereto of a first support and a second support of a refrigerator each of which is capable of supporting chilled goods, the shelf base for movable attachment thereto of the first support and the second support of the refrigerator such that the first and second supports of the refrigerator can each move in extension and retraction directions with respect to said shelf base, said shelf base comprising:

a plate having a front edge, a rear edge, a lower side, and an upper side;

lower retaining rails having a front end and a back end, said lower retaining rails extending at least between said front edge of said plate and said rear edge of said plate along said lower side of said plate and said lower retaining rails for movable attachment thereto of the first support that holds chilled goods such that the first support can be extended relative to said lower retaining rails from an inward location into an outward location and can be retracted relative to said lower retaining rails from said outward location into said inward location; and

upper retaining rails having a front end and a back end, said upper retaining rails extending at least between said front edge of said plate and said rear edge of said plate along said upper side of said plate and said upper retaining rails for attachment of the second support that holds chilled goods such that the second support can be extended relative to said upper retaining rails from an inward location into an outward location and can be retracted relative to said upper retaining rails from said outward location into said inward location, said front end of said upper retaining rails and said front end of said lower retaining rails being secured to one another across at least one of said front edge of said plate and said rear edge of said plate such that said upper retaining rails and said lower retaining rails are secured against movement relative to said plate in said extension and retraction directions of the first support and the second support with respect to said shelf base, and said upper retaining rails

and said lower retaining rails are not secured to one another along said extents thereof between said front edge of said plate and said rear edge of said plate.

31. (Previously Presented) The shelf base according to claim 30, including said upper retaining rails and said lower retaining rails are secured to one another so as to be movable in a direction perpendicular to said extension and retraction directions of said first support and said second support.
32. (Previously Presented) The shelf base according to claim 30, including said plate has a solid extent with no apertures at least in said portion thereof along which said upper retaining rails and said lower retaining rails extend.
33. (Previously Presented) The shelf base according to claim 32, including said plate is formed of glass.
34. (Previously Presented) The shelf base according to claim 30, including said back end of said upper retaining rails and said back end of said lower retaining rails are secured to one another across said rear edge of said plate.
35. (Previously Presented) The shelf base according to claim 30, including the front ends of said upper and lower retaining rails are connected by a guide profile that spans the front edge of said plate and is displaceable along the front edge of the plate.
36. (Previously presented) The shelf base according to claim 30, including the back end of respectively one of said upper and one of said lower retaining rails spans said rear edge of said plate and said back end of said upper retaining rail is displaceably connected to said back end of said lower retaining rails.

37. (Previously Presented) The shelf base according to claim 30, including said rear edge of said plate has an upwardly projecting cross piece, said back end of said lower retaining rail has a cross-member with a generally L-shaped cross-section, said cross-member engaging said rear edge of said plate in a hook engaging manner, and said back end of said upper retaining rail includes a hook-shaped portion that engages in a hook engaging manner behind said upwardly projecting cross piece of said rear edge of said plate.